

WIDA Resource Guide

Use the 15 activities below at the local level to begin learning about the newly adopted WIDA English language development (ELD) standards to increase the academic achievement of the English learners (ELs) in your schools.



Standards Framework & Foundations

Review the [2012 Amplification Overview Tutorial](#). The 2012 amplified standards introduce new elements added to the strands in the 2007 ELP standards.

Discuss the [Defining Features of Academic Language and Performance Definitions](#). Language learning is more relevant when ELs utilize language in a variety of contexts.

Recognize that WIDA only has 5 standards across K-12. You will **NOT** find K.1.1, K.1.2, etc. The power of WIDA is to make content learning more accessible. Go to [p. 3](#) to review how language learning takes place in ALL content area classrooms.

WIDA operates on a "can do" philosophy. Go to the [Download Library](#) and find the Can Do descriptors on the left hand side. View the descriptors for what an EL can do in reading, writing, listening, and speaking in each grade level cluster.

Know that WIDA standards are taught **with** the content area standards. WIDA resources provide several *examples* of other state and Common Core standards lessons. More Indiana specific content standard examples will be developed as we implement WIDA.

Lesson Plan Design

To complete the next activities, have an "EL in mind" from your classroom, school, or district. Know the grade level and then find his/her LAS links level, as this is comparable to the levels in WIDA.

Watch a science teacher make learning accessible for ALL students by using the WIDA standards during this [lesson](#). More videos can be found here at Virginia's DOE [website](#) under "Instruction".

WIDA provides [expanded strands](#) and model performance indicators (MPI) to show teachers how a content lesson is designed beginning to end with WIDA. Review an expanded standard for the grade level of your "EL in mind". KDG starts on p. 22.

Review this [Indiana example](#) of a lesson using the WIDA standards framework. Find the activity and supports that were provided to your "EL in mind."

Make learning accessible for ALL your students by creating your own sample lesson using the WIDA standards framework by using this [blank template](#). Use the expanded strands and the can do descriptors to help.

Essential Resources

Read the [Focus on Differentiation Part I bulletin](#). Follow along with one E/LA teacher who utilizes WIDA to make the same content standard accessible to ALL students. Visit the download library section at www.wida.us for more resources.

Title III and NESP funds both can be used to support WIDA standards implementation. You can purchase materials from the [online store](#) or pay for the time for teams of content and EL educators to collaborate regarding WIDA standards implementation.

Visit the WIDA section of the [IDOE website](#) and join the [Title III and NESP Learning Connection](#) community. More WIDA-related announcements will be posted here.

Already have an EL curriculum and want to review how your materials address key elements of WIDA? Visit [WIDA Prime](#) to see how your curriculum correlates with WIDA.

Still hungry for more? Don't worry! We are just beginning this work. Stay tuned for future announcements for standards training that will be held across the state.